

Relational Databases

Structured Query Language (SQL)

Introduction

- **Structured Query Language (SQL)**
 - Often pronounced “sequel” or “S-Q-L”
 - Standard language for communicating with relational databases
- **Relational Databases Management System (RDBMS)**
 - MySql, PostgreSQL, SQL Server, Oracle, IBM DB2, MariaDB, SQLite



SQL Statements

- **Keywords**
 - Traditionally UPPERCASE (optional)
 - Includes operators (e.g. =, >, etc.)
- **Identifiers**
 - Traditionally lowercase
- **Constants**



SQL Statements

```
SELECT name FROM teams WHERE id=9
```



SQL Statements: Keywords

SELECT name **FROM** teams **WHERE** id=9



SQL Statements: Identifiers

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SQL Statements: Constants

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Data Definition Language (DDL)

- **Create/Manipulate Structure**
 - e.g. tables, databases, schemas, etc.
- **Major statements**
 - CREATE: Adds a new database object
 - ALTER: Modify an existing database object
 - DROP: Removes a database object

<https://dev.mysql.com/doc/refman/8.0/en/sql-syntax-data-definition.html>



Column Data Types

- **Numeric Data Types**
 - INTEGER, DECIMAL, FLOAT, etc.
- **Character Data Types**
 - CHAR, VARCHAR, BLOB, etc.
- **Temporal Data Types**
 - DATE, TIME, etc.



Numeric Data Types

Type	Bytes	Minimum	Maximum
TINYINT	1	-128 or 0	127 or 255
SMALLINT	2	-32,768	32,767
MEDIUMINT	3	-8,388,608	8,388,607
INTEGER	4	-2,147,483,648	2,147,483,647
BIGINT	8	-9,223,372,036,854,775,808 ...	

<https://dev.mysql.com/doc/refman/8.0/en/integer-types.html>



Numeric Data Types

- **DECIMAL(precision[, scale])**
 - Precision: total number of digits
 - Scale: of total, how many are right of decimal
- **DECIMAL(3,2)**
 - 9.37 is okay
 - 12.42 will overflow
 - 0.567 will be rounded to 0.57

<https://dev.mysql.com/doc/refman/8.0/en/fixed-point-types.html>



Numeric Data Types

- **FLOAT, DOUBLE**

- Considered “approximate” (rounding errors)
- Behave the same
- Differences are implementation-dependent
- Used for really large or really small numbers
- Compatible with scientific notation

<https://dev.mysql.com/doc/refman/8.0/en/floating-point-types.html>



Character Data Types

- **CHAR(width)**
 - Fixed width
 - Anything $<$ width has trailing spaces
- **VARCHAR(maxwidth)**
 - Width can vary up to the maximum
 - More overhead (small) than CHAR()

<https://dev.mysql.com/doc/refman/8.0/en/char.html>



Character Data Types

- **CLOB: Character Large Object**
 - For storing large text values
 - e.g. the source text of an article
 - Can't be indexed or sorted
- **BLOB: Binary Large Object**
 - For storing large binary values
 - e.g. images, files

<https://dev.mysql.com/doc/refman/8.0/en/blob.html>



Temporal Data Types

- **DATE, TIME, TIMESTAMP (Date & Time)**
 - Input Format
 - Depends on the database system
 - All support YYYY-MM-DD date input format
 - Storage format
 - Display format
 - i.e. what's returned in a query, e.g. MM/DD/YYYY

<https://dev.mysql.com/doc/refman/8.0/en/date-and-time-types.html>



Other Column Types

- **ENUM**

- Enumeration of string values
- Non-standard, defined in MySQL
 - e.g. `ENUM('fruit','veggie','banana')`

<https://dev.mysql.com/doc/refman/8.0/en/enum.html>



Other Column Keywords

- **PRIMARY KEY**
 - Indicates column values are unique
 - Allows each row to be uniquely identified
- **AUTO_INCREMENT**
 - Defined in MySQL
 - Automatically increments value for each row
- **UNIQUE**
 - For non-key columns that have unique values

<https://dev.mysql.com/doc/refman/8.0/en/create-table.html>



Data Manipulation Language (DML)

- **Create/Manipulate Data**
 - e.g. operate on row in table
- **Major statements**
 - INSERT: Creates new row(s) in table
 - UPDATE: Update value in col in row(s) in table
 - DELETE: Removes rows from table
 - SELECT: Retrieve data from table

<https://dev.mysql.com/doc/refman/8.0/en/sql-syntax-data-manipulation.html>



Data Manipulation Language (DML)

- Format Example
 - `INSERT INTO tablename (column order)
VALUES (column values);`
- Example Statement
 - `INSERT INTO students (name, degree)
VALUES ('Yasmin', 'CS');`

<https://dev.mysql.com/doc/refman/8.0/en/insert.html>



SQL SELECT Statements

- Retrieve information from a database
- Common clauses:
 - SELECT
 - FROM
 - WHERE, GROUP BY, HAVING
 - ORDER BY





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